

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>Applicant(s):</i>	Ono et al.	<i>Confirmation No.:</i>	To Be Assigned
<i>Serial No.:</i>	To Be Assigned (371 filing of PCT/JP2004/019226)	<i>Group Art Unit:</i>	To Be Assigned
<i>Filed:</i>	Herewith	<i>Examiner:</i>	To Be Assigned
<i>Docket No.:</i>	2352.014		
<i>Title:</i>	METHOD OF DETECTING THROMBOSIS BY MEASURING VON WILLENBRAND FACTOR-CLEAVING PROTEASE		

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121(a)

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed contemporaneously with a filing under 35 USC 371. Prior to examination of this national phase application, please amend the priority application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.